

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

B-4207

HISTORIC PRESERVATION CERTIFICATION APPLICATION
PART 1 — EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

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Project No:

Instructions: Read the instructions carefully before completing application. No certification will be made unless a completed application form has been received. Type or print clearly in black ink. If additional space is needed, use continuation sheets or attach blank sheets.

1. Name of property: N/A
Address of property: Street 900 St. Paul Street
City Baltimore County _____ State Maryland Zip 21202
Name of historic district: Mt. Vernon Place Historic District
☒ National Register district ☐ certified state or local district ☐ potential historic district

2. Check nature of request:

- ☒ certification that the building contributes to the significance of the above-named historic district for the purpose of rehabilitation.
☐ certification that the structure or building and, where appropriate, the land area on which such a structure or building is located contributes to the significance of the above-named historic district for a charitable contribution for conservation purposes.
☐ certification that the building does not contribute to the significance of the above-named district.
☐ preliminary determination for individual listing in the National Register.
☐ preliminary determination that a building located within a potential historic district contributes to the significance of the district.
☐ preliminary determination that a building outside the period or area of significance contributes to the significance of the district.

3. Project contact:

Name Ms. Hattie F. Russell, David H. Gleason Associates, Inc.
Street 616A North Eutaw Street City Baltimore
State Maryland Zip 21201 Daytime Telephone Number (301) 728-1810

4. Owner:

I hereby attest that the information I have provided is, to the best of my knowledge, correct, and that I own the property described above. I understand that falsification of factual representations in this application is subject to criminal sanctions of up to \$10,000 in fines or imprisonment for up to five years pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 1001.

Name Mr. John MacCarthy Signature [Signature] Date 20 June 87
Organization Baltimore Historic Properties II
Social Security or Taxpayer Identification Number applied for
Street 701 Cathedral Street, Suite 2 City Baltimore
State Maryland Zip 21201 Daytime Telephone Number (301) 625-5755

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The National Park Service has reviewed the "Historic Preservation Certification Application — Part 1" for the above-named property and hereby determines that the property:

- ☐ contributes to the significance of the above-named district and is a "certified historic structure" for the purpose of rehabilitation.
☐ contributes to the significance of the above-named district and is a "certified historic structure" for a charitable contribution for conservation purposes in accordance with the Tax Treatment Extension Act of 1980.
☐ does not contribute to the significance of the above-named district.

Preliminary Determinations:

- ☐ appears to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will likely be listed in the National Register of Historic Places if nominated by the State Historic Preservation Officer according to the procedures set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.
☐ does not appear to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will likely not be listed in the National Register.
☐ appears to contribute to the significance of a potential historic district, which will likely be listed in the National Register of Historic Places if nominated by the State Historic Preservation Officer.
☐ appears to contribute to the significance of a registered historic district but is outside the period or area of significance as documented in the National Register nomination or district documentation on file with the NPS.
☐ does not appear to qualify as a certified historic structure.

Date

National Park Service Authorized Signature

National Park Service Office/Telephone No:

☐ See Attachments

CONTINUATION/AMENDMENT SHEET

N/A

Historic Preservation

Property Name

Certification Application

900 St. Paul Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Property Address

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Description of Physical Appearance

Facing the alleyway, the west and north elevations are bare. At the west wall above the door at ground level there is one double-hung window per floor. Stone sills appear at each opening. At the exposed portion of the north wall, small fixed windows have been added to the first floor and one window, about one brick wide, appears at each upper floor. (See Photos Nos. 11 and 12)

In plan, primary circulation is concentrated along the north party wall where the hallways, the main and rear stairways, and the rear exit are located. (See Photos Nos. 35, 25, 26, 32, and 33) The original St. Paul Street entranceway demolished circa 1946, followed the same alignment; however, the present Read Street entrance is located at the south side of the building. (See Photo No. 16)

Some original walls have been removed, including one that defined an open vestibule at the former St. Paul Street entrance. Some partitions have been added, including ones at or near former fireplaces. Protrusions at the inside face of the south wall, directly below the chimneys, indicate that two fireplaces that originally appeared at the first, second, and third floors have since been covered. Fireplaces remain open at the rear section of the upper three floors. (See Photos Nos. 28, 48, & 61) While original wood trim and panelled wood doors remain in many locations, some more modern elements have been added.

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N/A

Property Name

900 St. Paul Street, Baltimore, MD 21202

Property Address

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Page 2 - Description of Physical Appearance

This sheet: ☒ continues Part 1 ☐ continues Part 2 ☐ amends Part 1 ☐ amends Part 2 NPS Project Number: _____

marble steps, ornamental metal railing, bracketed wood cornice, and sheltered vestibule still seen at 902, 904, and 906 St. Paul Street. (See Photos Nos. 3 and 4) In addition, at an unknown date, stucco that originally finished the brick walls at St. Paul and Read Streets was removed, exposing brick culls or back-up. (See Photo No. 5) Stucco facing remains at 902 and 904 St. Paul Street.

The Read Street elevation features two distinct sections that betray the split floor levels inside. (See Photo No. 6) Closest to St. Paul Street, the primary and taller section is framed by slightly raised columns of brick at its west and east ends and crowned by two chimneys and the brick panel that spans between them. (See Photo No. 7) This portion of the building is five bays wide with double-hung wood windows marking each bay at most floors. The numbers of lights per window match those at the facade. An arched entranceway, at the center of this section of the Read Street elevation, is approached by stone steps with an ornamental metal handrail that parallels the building. The archway features a panelled wood door framed by panelled side lights and a fanlight with tracery. (See Photo No. 8) While interrupted by the arched opening, the brick watertable extends the length of this part of the building.

About 1946, the center bay of the main section of the Read Street elevation was altered. Bay windows that marked the first and second floors were removed and replaced with the entranceway and window seen today. (See Attachments F and G)

Six bays wide, the rear or west end of the Read Street elevation features shorter double-hung windows with stone stills. (See Photo No. 9) The numbers of lights per window graduate from two over one at the first and second floors to two over two at the third floor. At the basement level, three windows and a door appear at the four bays to the east. An ornate metal railing guards a well that contains stone steps leading to the basement door. (See Photo No. 10)

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Baltimore Historic Properties II Signature J. MacCarthy Date 20 Mar 88
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- ☐ The National Park Service has determined that these project amendments meet the Secretary of the Interior's "Standards for Rehabilitation."
☐ The National Park Service has determined that these project amendments do not meet the Secretary of the Interior's "Standards for Rehabilitation."

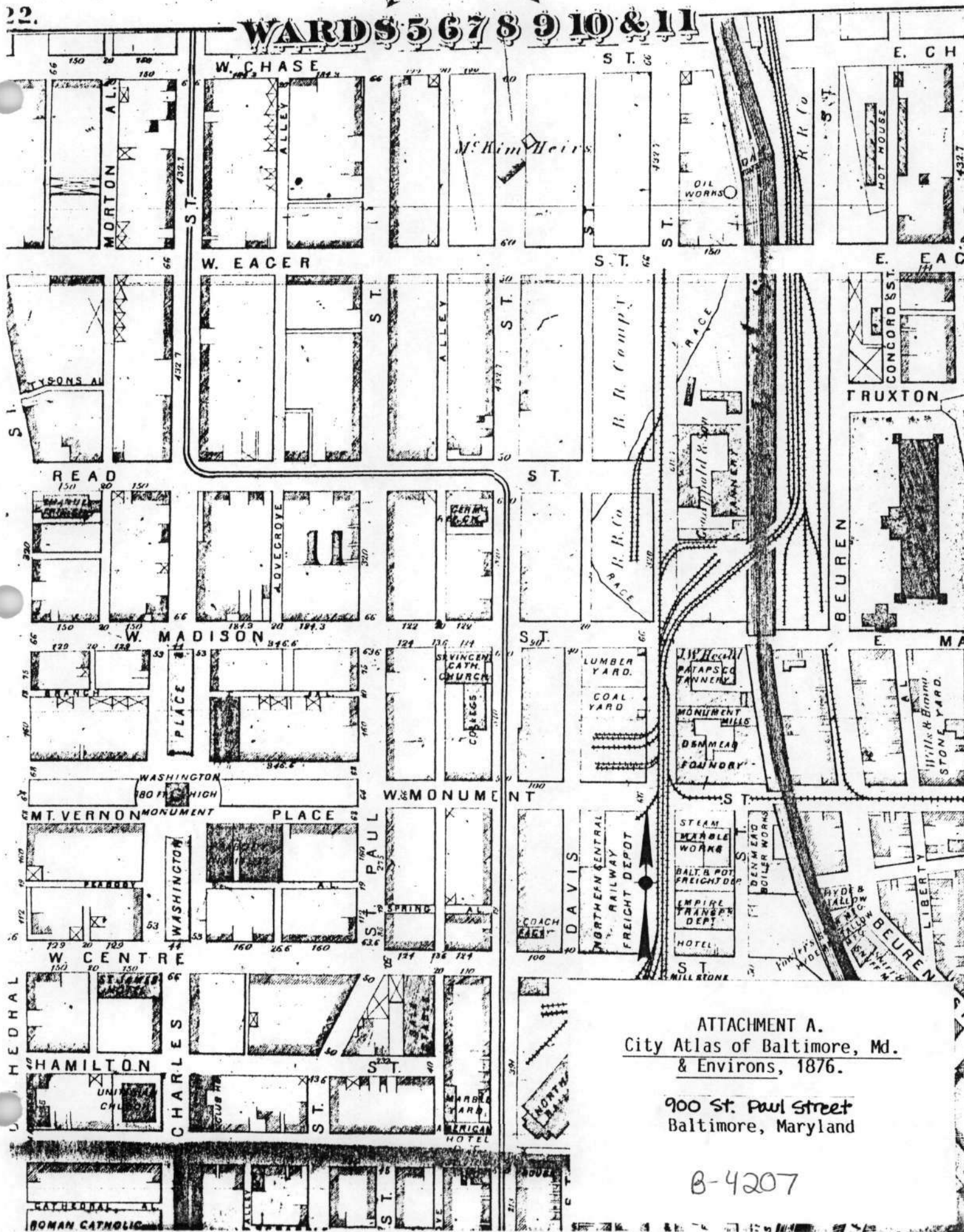
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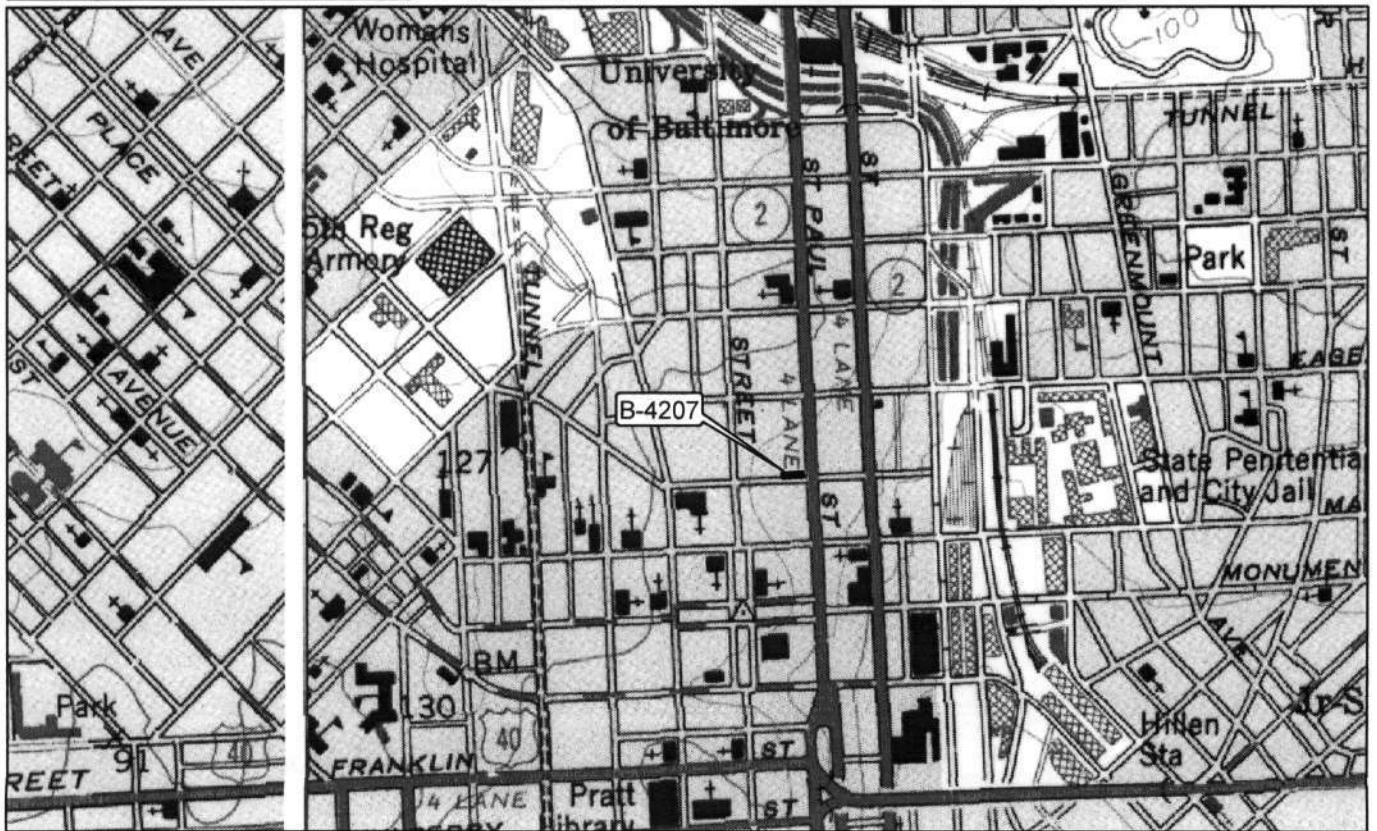


ATTACHMENT A.
City Atlas of Baltimore, Md.
& Environs, 1876.

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